The Elsevier Foundation

Building capacity and equity in research and health, for an inclusive and sustainable future
Our work

What we do
Since 2005, the Elsevier Foundation has contributed over $19 million in grants to support over 100 partners in more than 70 countries around the world. The Elsevier Foundation works to champion inclusive health and research through grants and partnerships with non-profit organizations that incubate new approaches, highlight inequities and catalyze change toward the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Funded by Elsevier, a global leader in scientific publishing and information analytics, the Elsevier Foundation is part of Elsevier’s corporate responsibility program. By leveraging Elsevier’s funding, networks and unique insights in content, data and analytics, the Elsevier Foundation can greatly expand its impact in gender, health, climate action and reduced inequalities.

In addition, the Elsevier Foundation offers a special fund to support disaster relief, and matching employee donations to enable colleagues to support their communities.

How we work
We recognize that the issue of inequity in research and healthcare is a major obstacle to achieving the UN SDGs. To drive systemic change, we need diverse stakeholders to work in partnership, take evidence-based action and measure progress.

The Elsevier Foundation serves as a catalyst for early-stage interventions that are founded in an innovative proof of concept that can ultimately lead the programs to bring on new partners, scale up and drive systemic change. We believe this pragmatic and agile approach can have a powerful multiplier effect by adopting and accelerating proven ideas.

It is by working in — and crucially with — communities most affected by complex global issues, and tapping Elsevier’s content, data, analytics and networks, that we can have the most impact and bring much needed diverse perspectives into the research and health communities.

“We always look for that sweet spot with partners, matching our funds with shared expertise, content, solutions and networks.”

Ylann Schemm
Executive Director
The Elsevier Foundation